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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL		Application Number	10/031,851
Address to: MAIL STOP RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450		Filing Date	May 28, 2002
		First Named Inventor	Horst Rapp
		Art Unit	1617
		Examiner	JIANG, SAhaojia A.
		Attorney Docket No.	HMN 2 0021
<p>This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.</p>			
<p>1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114</p> <p>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Previously submitted. If a final Office Action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office Action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.</p> <p>i. <input type="checkbox"/> Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief filed on _____            ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> Enclosed</p> <p>i. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply _____            ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) _____</p> <p>iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) _____            iv. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</p>			
<p>2. Miscellaneous</p> <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)</p> <p>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant(s) hereby petition the Commissioner under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and request a request a <b>ONE-month extension of time</b> to respond to the outstanding Office Action.</p> <p>c. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</p>			
<p>3. Fees (The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.114(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.)</p> <p>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. <u>06-0308</u>.</p> <p>i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) _____            ii. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) _____            iii. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <u>06-0308</u>.</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> Check in the amount of \$770.00 (large entity) enclosed.</p> <p>c. <input type="checkbox"/> Check in the amount of \$ _____ (large entity) to cover the applicable extension of time fees.</p>			

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Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that this *RCE Transmittal* and accompanying documents are being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 C.F.R. 1.10 on the date indicated below and is addressed to: MAIL STOP RCE, Commissioner For Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date indicated above.

*Cathryn Terchek*  
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Date: *August 9, 2004*